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SUBJECT: CONCORDE STATUS REPORT

1. PROSPECTS THAT THE CONCORDE WILL BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE INTO THE UNITED STATES HAVE DIMMED OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS AS NEW DATA AND ADVERSE PUBLICITY EMANATING FROM THE UK HAVE COMBINED TO CONFOUND ITS FRIENDS AND ENCOURAGE ITS ENEMIES. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION COLEMAN DELAYED ISSUANCE OF A REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FROM OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 13. HE THEN ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD HOLD A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEARING ON JANUARY 5 TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL, INTER-

NATIONAL, ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND SAFETY FACTORS,  
WITH A DECISION TO FOLLOW WITHIN 30 DAYS.

2. IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT SOME HIGH-POWERED WITNESSES  
WILL APPEAR FOR THE HEARING. WHILE THE BRITISH AND  
FRENCH PLANS ARE NOT YET FIRM, THEIR CURRENT THINKING  
IS TO SEND WITNESSES FROM GOVERNMENT, THE AIRLINES, AND  
THE MANUFACTURERS, INCLUDING FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR TRANSPORTATION MARCEL CAVAILLE AND BRITISH UNDER  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY GERALD KAUFMAN. WE  
UNDERSTAND THAT THE EPA VIEW, EXPECTED TO BE QUITE  
ADVERSE TO THE CONCORDE, WILL BE PRESENTED PERSONALLY

BY ADMINISTRATOR RUSSELL TRAIN. (IN TESTIMONY DECEMBER 9  
BEFORE THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES  
AND TRANSPORTATION, TRAIN TESTIFIED THAT STUDY OF THE  
REVISED EIS HAS LED EPA TO THE TENTATIVE CONCLUSION  
THAT OPERATION OF THE CONCORDE INTO JFK WOULD BE  
"UNDESIRABLE", WHILE THE DESIRABILITY OF OPERATION INTO  
DULLES IS "INCREASINGLY QUESTIONABLE".)

3. MEANWHILE, CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST AND OPPOSITION  
REMAIN HIGH. THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ACTIVITIES IS HOLDING A SERIES OF HEARINGS REGARDING  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH HANDLING OF THE CONCORDE QUESTION THAT  
THE CHAIRMAN STATES WILL CONTINUE INTO THE SPRING.  
(SECRETARY COLEMAN APPEARED THREE DAYS AFTER TRAIN AND  
MADE SPIRITED DEFENSE OF EXECUTIVE'S HANDLING OF THIS  
ISSUE. HE GAVE SUBCOMMITTEE COPY OF KISSINGER-COLEMAN  
LETTER OF LAST OCTOBER AND, WITH WHITE HOUSE, BRITISH  
AND FRENCH APPROVAL, TEXTS OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S 1973  
LETTERS TO POMPIDOU AND HEATH.) ASSISTANT LEGAL  
ADVISER TRIMBLE TESTIFIED BEFORE THE AVIATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ASPECTS OF NOISE REGULATION  
DECEMBER 11. THE AIRPORT AND AIRWAYS DEVELOPMENT BILL  
(ADAP), WHICH WOULD BE A CONVENIENT VEHICLE FOR ATTEMPTS  
TO BAR THE CONCORDE BY LEGISLATION, WILL NOT CLEAR THE  
CONGRESS UNTIL AFTER SECRETARY COLEMAN MAKES HIS

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